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For: PROCESS DOR GELATINISING STARCH USING A BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER

MATERIAL BEARING ALDEHYDE GROUPS

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 2, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: